

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the area now known as the Parkway School District in west St. Louis County was primarily rural in character and sparsely populated in the early 1950s; and

Whereas, the area was growing with new homes and young families that had a strong sense of community and interest in having quality education for their children; and

Whereas, high school students from the area had to be transported up to twenty miles to other communities such as Maplewood, Clayton, and Ladue for their secondary education; and

Whereas, in October 1953, a citizens study committee recommended the consolidation of the Weber, Fern Ridge, and Mason Ridge Consolidated No. 2 districts for the purpose of providing a senior high school in their own community; and

Whereas, on May 8, 1954, residents of these AAA-rated elementary school districts voted to consolidate into the Parkway Consolidated School District to be named after the Daniel Boone Parkway, which bisected the 68.5 square-mile area; and

Whereas, in the past fifty years, Parkway has increased in size, has granted high school diplomas to more than 60,000 students, and has received 14 Blue Ribbons from the U.S. Department of Education and 17 Gold Star Awards from the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, Parkway students reside in Unincorporated St. Louis County and in Ballwin, Chesterfield, Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Kirkwood, Manchester, Maryland Heights, St. Louis, Town and Country, Valley Park, and Winchester; and

Whereas, the reputation of the Parkway School District has contributed positively to the economic, social, and cultural climate of the communities it serves and the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, Parkway has faithfully worked for fifty years to fulfill the vision of its founders to provide the best public education in the metropolitan area:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the Parkway School District upon this very special anniversary event; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Parkway School District.

Offered by _____
Representative Jane Cunningham
District No. 86

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker